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Deposits of Crude Oil and Gas

164. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some more crude oil and natural gas deposits have been found in the country during the last one year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating names of places ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Oil/Gas have been found in 25 Structures in 1990-91 including Palej, Nandej and Sangampur in Gujarat ; Kharatar, Bhakhri Tibba, Bankia and Dandewala in Rajasthan; seven structures in Bombay Offshore; Mori, Manepalli, Elamanchilli in Andhra Pradesh; one structure in Krishna-Godavari offshore; Kamalapuram and Tiruvarpur in Tamilnadu; and Dikom, Shalmari/Hapjan, Sarojini, Diroi and Kathaloni in Assam.

Conversion of M. G. Lines in Marathwada

165. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the conversion of rail lines from metre gauge to broad gauge in Marathwada areas is going on ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far ; and

(c) by what time this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress made in the 2 gauge conversion works in Marathwada is as under :—

Name of the Project	Progress as on 31-3-1991
(*i*) Conversion of Manmad-Parbhani Parli Vaijnath MG into BG (Work is in progress on Manmad-Aurangabad section 114 kms only)	Progress on Manmad-Aurangabad 114 km-74.5%
(*ii*) Conversion of Parbhani-Purna and Mudkhed-Adilabad MG into BG and parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed.	12%

(c) Phase I from Manmad to Aurangabad is expected to be completed during the financial year 91-92. For the work of Phase II & III, completion date has not yet been fixed and would depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Coal Permits

166. SHRI S. B. SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal permits given by his Ministry or by the Coal India Limited during the last 18 months ; and

(b) what grade of coal was supplied to various parties ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b)